

Missouri Health Information Technology (MO-HITECH) Project
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- Project Title: Missouri Health Information Exchange (MO-HITECH) Cooperative Agreement Program
- State/Territories Included in the Application: Missouri
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- Congressional Districts within Your Service Area: This Application will serve all 9 Congressional Districts in Missouri.
- Brief Explanation of Where the State is in Achieving Statewide HIE among Healthcare Providers: Missouri is in the beginning stages of planning for and implementing health information exchange (HIE). To date, investments in health information technology (IT), especially among rural health care providers, have been limited due to resource and financial capital challenges; there have been some significant investments among hospitals and health systems in more urban parts of the state. Missouri does have several emerging regional HIE efforts as well as investments within the State, specifically in the Department of Social Services, Department of Health and Senior Services, and Department of Mental Health that may be leveraged as part of this project.
- Brief description of the proposed cooperative agreement: The proposed project will develop a Strategic and Operational Plan to support the development of HIE capacity and infrastructure among Missouri’s health care providers. The project will employ a collaborative public stakeholder process to be overseen by a public-private Advisory Board that will provide guidance to the Missouri Office of Health Information Technology (MO-HITECH). Public stakeholder Workgroups will be convened to inform strategy development around the key areas of governance, technical infrastructure, finance, business and technical operations, legal/policy, and consumer engagement. The State is requesting funding for the planning phase of the project, as well as the ongoing governance of the statewide collaboration, including the development of statewide privacy and security guidance, and initial technical infrastructure investments to be identified by MO-HITECH through the collaborative stakeholder process. The State will look to leverage existing regional HIE and health IT investments, as well as investments that the State has made in its technical infrastructure to support the development of HIE for Missouri’s providers. The project will be closely coordinated with Medicaid and public health stakeholders to ensure that providers of underserved populations are able to participate in HIE and achieve meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs).

